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In pursuit of crooks who held up quant face around the corner. "What a fashionable Radio dance, Guy are you doing, Vira? Rehearsing Garrick and Dick Defoe find that scene on Glenn? You're not falling side are showers and we're having beautiful Ruth Walden may be the for it, are you, old dear?" With a two steam rooms put in." innocent instrument of robbers pos- shrug of her shoulders and her arms Ruth was, however, moving toing as wealthy idlers. They seek akimbo, she threw her head back ward the front of the building. "I to check up on a mysterious cruiser, and laughed silvery. Quickly lean- suppose you've been wondering," she The Bacchante," to see if its move- ing her beautiful body forward she said, "where are the things you sents have anything to do with the waved a mocking finger toward usually find in a cellar." She paused houseboat "Sea Vamp," where Ruth he would say the same thing to me, with a twinkle added, "The heating and her questionable friends spend | Don't believe a word he says." much of their time, and where they Somehow, Rae's jocular remarks found some of the robbers' loot and bred distrust in both lovers. They low-pressure boiler and a row of ash a roll of undeveloped films. By glowered at her for the interruption. cans. a ruse they get on "The Bacchante." But they both fell for it. "Love

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY CHAPTER IV

THE INNER CIRCLE

of motors and taxis. Everywhere strained their ears.

west of the Avenue, back of a high the way for good." iron fence with plain brass knobs grilled doors opened into an English | whispered Dick. tors were drawn up along the curb. got too!" tating a bit.

with true British swank.

The door swung open. Garrick in- the second floor. quired nothing, explained nothing. She turned as she heard their precede him and they passed the floor. Americanized butler. It had been a "And along came Ruth!" exclaimed magnificient gesture on Garrick's Garrick, smiling. part. The most difficult thing had | "What are you boys doing here?

stairs from the former basement. "Monsieur Georges-as I live!" Garrick grasped the hand of a She had her hands on the knob of

thick-set, erect, very dark French- a door at the end of the hall. She man with a black, pointed mustache, turned it, looked in, shut the door He had been standing just at the again and faced them.

"Ah-h! It is Monsieur the Ad- crazy about this shack." miral." The Frenchman grinned "Well, Guy, you might think I was pleasantly, displaying rows of spien- a megaphone man in a Chinatowndid teeth. Indeed he seemed in fine for-a-dollar rubberneck bus . . . or

reception room. Garrick paced on Her lightning mind seemed to tune into it, followed by Georges, and in- itself to a fine adjustment. She did

"You must know Monsieur, Dick, opened the door and admitted them who made the old Chateau Rouge up into a very pink room. by Tarrytown so wonderful in the

George motioned them to a little table, clapped his hands sharply and a waiter appeared on rubber heels, tion but was out in the hall again took an order and they settled them- closing the door softly. selves. "Now for the mystery of the! Garrick, running true to form, dancing men," whispered Garrick to opened a cedar chest between two Garrick's tone of raillery. At a muttered to Dick. "All wired up." He glance he had taken an estimate of closed the chest upon the complete

young people, many of them his own behind the picture molding about the acquaintances, had started what room where it's out of sight . . they called the "Fifty Club." There The receiving outfit in a cedar chest had been a split of some kind, re- where no one can see it. Humph!" The twenty had tried to examination of his own. much for their allowances. It had pretty fair results over reasonable

run by M. Georges who had catered equipment would if it were used with to the elite of a generation at the a good antenna. Still, during the Chateau Rouge. Most of the twenty summer when there are many lighthad stuck, and enough of the se- ning storms and static is at its worst, lected elect admitted by card kept the loop is an interesting means of

lor of the old house had been re- used indoors. More than that, modeled into a dining room with a doesn't pick up static like the usual beautiful dance floor. Outside they antenna. It doesn't make use of a could hear the plaintive rhythmic ground connection. It only internotes of the club's own Hawaiian cepts a small portion of the usual orchestra of three performers.

out. M. Georges was making an ex- amplifier."

to Guy. It was Vira.

"It does seem good, doesn't it?" Aroyo. CKGG'. This is CKGG. Do she was saying. "No Rae, no Ruth, you begin to get it?" no rumpus. Let's have no worry. Dick nodded, half comprehending. You've been looking nervous, lately." 'As they said about little Willie, "Vira, you're great tonight! That 'What next?" " violet tweed is slick. If I stole a Ruth opened the door quietly, myskiss . . . would you register anger? | teriously. She seemed to be labor-That's the word they use, isn't it? ing under high nervous tension. Register?" Glenn chuckled content- "You saw the dance floor and dintoyed with thin-stemmed ing room downstairs. And you met Vira to notice that I haven't been anything Georges has anything to looking quite right. I didn't think do with will be at least aristocratic?" you cared any more for me than for "Everything is classy and in the rest of them. To tell the truth taste," admitted Dick. "It has at-

"I don't believe it's over exams tions. But Garrick's presence re-You don't seem to be carrying your strained him Horace or calculus around in your Ruth beckoned them out in the pocket. You're not in love, are you, hall. It was noticeable that she was Glenn?" Vira gave him a look that discreetly quiet. "Of course, I can't would have thrilled the audience of show you around up here. You see, any movie palace from coast to these are the lodgings of about half

passed his foot under the table and ly for ladies." She was leading them laid it gently over her dainty ankle, back down the thick-carpeted hall. "Honest to God, Vira, I love you!" She came to a door. "There's one Then he added fervently, "I want to thing you might be interested in." get you in my racer, soon, and we'll She opened a door and it appeared motor out to some nice quiet spot, to be a back flight of steps for the like Canoe Place used to be . . . servants in the old days when it had and I'm going to tell you all about it. been a residence.

sparkling like dew drops on a green to the former basement. leaf in the morning sun. Vira knew | Luscious odors of cooking smote it, meant them to sparkle. At a the nostrils. They emerged back of lower level she would have reasoned, the reception hall through which how could one get over dramatic mo- | they bluffed the butler at the door. ments on the screen unless one lived | Here was the kitchen, beautiful, a them? As it was she merely felt. "Make it tomorrow, Vira." Glenn | credit.

took her hands and toyed with the Ruth turned, opened another door 2723 ring finger on the left hand,

Rae, suddenly poking her pretty pi

where they find Professor Vario, ra- claims all or none," is just as true dlo experts and learn of a W. 49th among the sophisticated as among St. restaurant called "The Inner the simple.

Suddenly sitting down, Rae beckoned a boy. "Three soothing strups in a hurry!" Then, turning to her companions, she said, lower, "I have They caught the afternoon train some important news for you. I've the fron door. "This must be what been hunting all over for you."

It was a perfect summer evening! Her voice dropped to a "bzz-bzzin June. They mounted the break- | bzz." Georges had been called away Now . . . gloat!" neck spiral to the top of a bus from Garrick and Dick to some of and joited and swayed across to his multitudinous business in pleas- dark and dank inside and cobwebby. Fifth Avenue, then uptown in blocks ing the ultra particular. They The light from the cellar did not

were gay crowds, almost as if New | "I was just up there." Then a break. "And it came in over Pinkey's Sauntering slowly down Forty- wireless from . . "It was lost. "It Ninth Street, they found the address said, Watch out for Garrick and of the Inner Circle, a big old brown- Dick . . . They got ashore . . . stone house midway in the block To New York . . . Get them out of

Garrick and Dick exchanged setting off the sections. Heavy glances. "Forewarned, forearmed,"

basement. Two or three smart mo- | "Our forearms are about all we've

"Recherche!" nodded Dick, hest- There was a swish of someone Garrick turned in at the gate and Dick started. It was Ruth herself! pressed a button by the side of the Both he and Garrick were on their ors. "Aren't I select enough for feet in a moment, quietly, down the he Inner Circle?" He straightened hall after her and around a heavy carved newell post up the stairs to

He inclined slightly toward Dick to steps in the wide hall on the second

been accomplished on sheer nerve. Snooping again? It's a bad idea. He might have owned the place as Snoopers never come to any good he led the way up the short flight of end!" She laughed, but neither could be so obtuse as not to see that there

"Show us around, Ruth, I'm

the guide in many museums. Just Before them opened a little alcove what do you want to see this time?" not wait for a reply. Instead, she

> "Wait here a minute. Does anybody know you are here?"

"No one but Georges." She did not wait for more explana-

Dick just as Georges turned. There closet doors. He beckoned Dick. as just a shade of contempt in "A radio frequency amplifier!" he paraphernalia, thought a moment, For ten or fifteen minutes Gar- then stood up on it, running his finrick reminisced of the old days be- | ger along the picture molding that fore and during the war. Gradually circuited the room. He blew the dust Dick pieced together the drama of from his fingers and wiped them on

his handkerchief. It seems that a group of rapid "About forty feet of wire placed the stalwarts down to Dick went over it, making a hasty

But it had been too "A loop outfit of this kind gives distances, although it doesn't cover Now it was really a private club the same distance that the same receiving. To begin with, the loop is The long, wide, high-ceilinged par- safe from lightning since it can be energy intercepted by a good an-As nearly as Garrick could make it tenna . . So the radio frequency

cellent thing out of the revolt "That's all very interesting, but just shut up that chest before we In a lull of the conversation and have fifteen men dancing on two above the soft Hawaiian strains dead men's chests!" Ganrick was cated new voices from a table out- looking keenly at the color scheme "Well, Glenn, here we are, alone- "I was just up there . . . I gather that the threat . . . or warning . Dick peered cautiously out through came over this wireless. From the elightly-parted portieres and nodded 'Bacchante'? It's running through my mind: '5-22-22 250 cases S. S.

"It's mighty fine of you, Georges. I guess you can guess that I am worried . . , but I can't tell mosphere, and all that," He longed

Glenn reached over, took her hand, they pay. That was a lounge, real-

Vill you let me tell you . . . how Ruth started down the stairs and they followed, past a door that evi-"Dear boy, I'm just dying to go on dently opened on the parlor floor, that ride with you." Her eyes were then down another flight that led

gem of a place. It did Georges

and disclosed a stairway down into "Well, you dumbbells!" laughed the cellar, in which a light was

burning. She started down and the

door closed behind them. "What's all this?" inquired Dick, and Friday nights. Music by Steimamazed, as he reached the foot of rich's orchestra. Dancing 8:30 to the stairs and saw weights and ex- 11:30. Admission \$1.25 per couple. ercises on the walls on one side, a -Adv. 161. couple of punching bags, heavy mats, gloves, an ample handball court, in fact a quite complete little gymnasium in the cellar, with a very good ventilating device.

coupants of the wireless equipped Glenn, "With three cocktails, Vira, and opened a door in the front, then

Dick. Disappointed? I get you. Vell, as I was saying, the most ineresting part of a house nowadays

She swung the door open. It was held the door, smiling, gently took Dick's arm and guided him in, then

"Strike a match—if you want to

Dick struck a light. But as he did so a rush of air exlinguished it and back of them clanged the iron door. There was a grinding of a bolt. "Confound it!" growled Garrick at

letting himself be trapped.

A gong began ringing, stridently. It seemed as if the very floor on which they were was moving. There was a metallic noise overhead, Carrick looked up. It seemed as if the earth was opening above them and a glaring light pouring in.

"Hang it!" growled Garrick. "The

Up the little elevator rose, the hell still ringing to warn passerby on the sidewalk, up to the street level,

Back of them was the iron grill of the Inner Circle. Dick looked at the fence, then at Guy and laughed foolishly. They stepped off the lift. Slowly the platform began to sink and as it did the pair of folding iron doors closed down again over the U. Just as they clanged shut there

came a voice merrily from the

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